GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF POWER PLANTS
BIR SING MAHATO;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of power plants in Bihar and West Bengal are lagging much behind their schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which they are lagging behind in each case as per the figures of the last month;

(d) the cost escalation due to unnecessary delay; plant-wise;

(e) whether the Government have held any office responsible or guilty in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (f) : Purulia PSS (900 MW) in West Bengal is running behind schedule.The estimated cost has gone to Rs.3188.90 crore from the original Rs.146.56 crore. The project was originally scheduled for commissioning in 2002-03 but it is now expected to be commissioned in 2007-08. The project has been delayed due to delays in loan agreement with OECF and in finalization of supply orders. The cost has increased due to general price escalation. In order to expedite the execution of this project and to prevent further time and cost overrun, West Bengal and NHPC have agreed through an MOU to have this project executed through a joint venture.